## Amendments to the Specification

## A Flexible Annular Stapler For Closed Surgery Of Hollow Organs

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The present invention relates....